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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued December 7, 2002, please consider the remarks below.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is noted that a petition filed on January 9, 2002 requested that the time to respond be reset to February 6, 2002 due to a one-month delay in receiving the Action. No response has been received to this request. Petition is again made that the time be reset to February 6, 2002 in which case a four-month extension fee is now due. Petition is made for an extension of time up to the present response date is made, and a check for the amount for a five month extension of time is enclosed, which would extend the time for responding from the original due date to June 7, 2002. However, it is respectfully requested that the Petition filed January 9, 2002 be granted and that the fifth month

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